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Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to last week. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Retail demand was light, best into food service and fast food outlets. Supplies were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Processing schedules were moderate to light as some operations took extra down time because of the holiday. In the parts structure, wings continued to clear well. Breast items were readily available and slow in clearing. Leg items were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were light to moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12/25-12/30/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	47.00-48.00	47.93	14	53.29	24
Chicago	48.00-52.00	50.32	39	53.22	67
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	57.18	19
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.13	12
Denver	65.50	65.50	16	65.94	18
Detroit	50.00-53.00	52.17	18	54.08	43
Los Angeles	66.00	63.92	67	60.91	117
New York	44.00-47.00	46.00	24	52.03	51
Philadelphia	45.00-47.00	46.21	7	49.32	19
Pittsburgh	46.00-48.00	47.38	12	54.93	55
St. Louis	49.75-50.00	50.02	18	50.66	38
San Francisco	66.50	65.82	30	65.36	47

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

LOADS	12/25/00	Change/Last Wk	12/18/00	12/27/99
510	56.21	-0.47	56.68	57.91

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.00-59.00	56.06	40
Central	54.00-59.00	57.31	56
West	52.00-63.00	57.40	44

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-61.00	60.45	74
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,012	48.00-62.75	60.22

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	127.50	3,794
BREASTS - WHOLE	61.50	1,245
THIGH MEAT - B/S	80.50	635
LEG QUARTERS	24.50	7,541
WINGS	85.00	2,461

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Demand was light and seasonal, best for fast foods and other traditional holiday items. Supplies were more than sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, wings were well cleared. Breast items ranged adequate to ample and were slow in clearing. Dark meat items were adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light. Weights were mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was generally steady. Trading for this week's deliveries in a wide range. Offerings easily adequate. Demand fair to fairly good, best for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers in some quarters with others reporting light carryovers due to delivery delays caused by the effect of the holiday and hazardous road conditions. The market tone was barely steady on breasts, fully steady on wings and about steady on balance of parts. Reported parts trading: leg quarters 4/10s mainly 23.5 and bulk 21-22.5, bone-in breasts 63-68 and boneless breasts 110-116. The Los Angeles and negotiated WOG average was up .62 to 51.82.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were slightly higher in St. Louis and Detroit, unchanged into Chicago with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were limited with production areas being affected by ice and snow storms. Movement into all channels was light to moderate at best. Floor stocks adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was mostly inactive with wings well cleared and sought after. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, unsettled on breast items and about steady on all other items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly light and unaggressive entering the week as dealers assessed the market and assumed product only for most immediate needs. Offerings of all sizes were about adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were ample and available at discounted levels. Boneless-skinless breasts were generally adequate, and dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings continued to garner strong interest and were no more than adequate to short.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally light, but was sufficient to keep the bulk of seller offerings cleared satisfactorily. Live supplies were seasonally moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light to moderately heavy, moderate overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was at least steady. In the parts complex, wings were short of an active call. Bone-in breasts remained slow to clear. Other items were at least adequate for the limited buying interest. *BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	39-59
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	49.70
NO. OF BOXES	11,342

*5 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was limited entering the week as dealers assessed most immediate needs and were generally assuming product on a hand-to-mouth basis. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate to ample, and usually discounted in an attempt to stimulate movement. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate to available, and dark meat items were more than sufficient. Wings were the most sought after item ranging no more than adequate to short of full needs. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts, no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

	CURRENT NEGOTIATED	WTD	VOLUME
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.90	510,960
TENDERLOINS	130-135	134.52	142,000
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	58.82	187,640
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	49.82	198,000
LEGS	33-34	35.71	251,280
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.30	222,360
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.54	209,240
THIGHS	30-31	35.15	132,520
B/S THIGHS	78-79	85.00	39,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	89.94	248,760
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	73,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	39.65	91,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.86	130,920

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,264	100.00-171.00	100-105	104.06
TENDERLOINS	121	113.00-205.00	-	164.13
BREAST - WITH RIBS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
FRONT HALVES	-			
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	560	17.00	17	17.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,120	23.00-24.00	23-24	23.50

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	12/25	12/21	12/21	12/18	12/14
ALA	Holiday	3,153	4.95	3,677	5.05
ARK	Holiday	5,037	4.81	5,193	4.75
DELMARVA	Holiday	2,335	4.89	2,052	4.96
LA-TENN	Holiday	2,004	4.53	1,738	4.44
MISS	Holiday	2,770	5.17	2,796	4.98
NC	Holiday	2,638	5.73	2,298	5.79
TEXAS	Holiday	2,363	4.99	2,110	4.82
TOTAL	0	20,300	5.00	19,864	4.98
MON	0(B)			19,864(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Dec 2000 is estimated to be 0,000 down 100.00 percent from a week ago and 100.00 percent a year ago. (Last week 29,808,000, last year 29,426,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	816	125.00-200.00	130-135	132.54
TENDERLOINS	349	145.00-195.00	-	175.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	59.00-65.00	59-61	60.26
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	46	30.00-43.00	30-31	31.70
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	61	17.00-20.00	17-19	18.03
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,140	19.00-27.00	22-24	23.77
WINGS (WHOLE)	299	83.00-89.00	83-85	85.27
WINGS (CUT)	346	94.00-111.00	-	98.27
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR DECEMBER 26, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
30.00 - 34.50	32.02	35.42

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI

WEEK OF 25-DEC-2000 TO 29-DEC-2000, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	103.00 - 125.00	110.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	53.00 - 71.00	53.00 - 57.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	15.00 - 26.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	32.00 - 41.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 34.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	77.00 - 88.00	80.00 - 81.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 45.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-93
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	94
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 22-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	-	17.00	-
WTD AVERAGE	20.20		17.00	

390,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-21.00	-	-	16.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.74			16.00

344,000 pounds, this includes 104,000 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-22.00	-	12.00-15.00	13.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.22		13.55	13.00

2,340,000 pounds, this includes 1,450,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	13.50
WTD AVERAGE				13.50

120,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

Effective January 5, 2001 all prices and volumes of mechanically separated chicken meat and chicken with added skin will be reported on an FOB shipper dock or equivalent basis so prices can be more accurately compared within and between regions.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal with finished sales slow compared to the past holiday period. Availability of hatching eggs were tight with prices per dozen higher. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4.5-10	6-8	7.17

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 22-DEC-00

CHICKEN PRICES

FAT CONTENT	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED	FOB DOCK	DELIVERED
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	14.00	-
WTD AVERAGE			14.00	

40,800 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%				
RANGE	19.00-21.00	21.00-23.00	11.00-14.00	13.50-15.00
WTD AVERAGE	19.66	21.18	11.67	14.50

1,652,400 pounds, this includes 1,366,800 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were irregular when compared to a week earlier. Trading was light due in part to holiday schedules and hatching eggs reported as short of full needs. Demand ranged from light to moderate for adequate but reduced offering. Processing plants were on holiday schedules. Floor stocks of finished product were clearing and ranged from about adequate to short of trade requirements. The market tone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER
THE WEEK OF 25-DEC-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-8.5	5.5-7.75	6.00
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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